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(a) Adherence to and implementation of international drug control treaties;

(b) Review of General Assembly resolution S-17/2 of 23 February 1990, adopted by the Assembly at its seventeenth special session, in particular progress made in implementing the Global Programme of Action annexed thereto

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(a) Judicial cooperation and strengthening of national legislation;

(b) Prevention of the diversion of chemicals used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and measures to strengthen control of the manufacture of and trafficking in stimulants and their precursors;

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(c) Reduction of the illicit demand for drugs, including the draft declaration on the guiding principles of demand reduction and its implementation;

(d) Prevention, sanctioning and action against money-laundering;

(e) International cooperation in illicit crop eradication and alternative development;

(f) Coordination within the United Nations system in the fight against drug trafficking and related organized crime, against terrorist groups engaged in drug trafficking and against illicit arms trade;

(g) Promoting regional cooperation

Review of the international drug control regime: strengthening United Nations machinery for drug control

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twentieth Special Session

Rapporteur: Mr. N. K. Singh (India)

I. Introduction

1. At the 1st plenary meeting of its twentieth special session, on 8 June 1998, the General Assembly established an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twentieth Special Session. At the same meeting, in accordance with section D of decision S-20/___, which provided that the Bureau of the preparatory body should serve in the same capacity in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole, the Assembly elected Mr. Alvaro de Mendonça e Moura (Portugal) Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee.

2. The Ad Hoc Committee held two meetings, on 8 and 9 June 1998, to consider the items allocated to it, namely, agenda items 9, 10 and 11, entitled as follows:

"9. Review of international drug control instruments:

"(a) Adherence to and implementation of international drug control treaties;

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"(g) Promoting regional cooperation.

"11. Review of the international drug control regime: strengthening United Nations machinery for drug control."

3. At its 1st meeting, on 8 June, in accordance with section D of decision S-20/__, the Ad Hoc Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Alberto Scavarelli (Uruguay), Ms. N. J. Mxakato-Diseko (South Africa), Ms. Daniela Rozgonová (Slovakia) and Mr. N. K. Singh (India) as Vice-Chairmen. The Ad Hoc Committee decided that Mr. Singh would also serve as Rapporteur.

4. In connection with its consideration of agenda items 9, 10 and 11, the Ad Hoc Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the review of the international drug control regime: strengthening United Nations machinery for drug control (A/S-20/2);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the joint statement by the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (A/S-20/3);

(c) Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs acting as preparatory body for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to the fight against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities on its second session (A/S-20/4);[1]

(d) Letter dated 29 May 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Joint Declaration of the signatory countries of the 1993 Memorandum of Understanding on Drug Control (A/S-20/5);

(e) Letter dated 1 June 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Declaration of the Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries concerning the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on international drug control, adopted on 20 May 1998 in Cartagena, Colombia (A/S-20/6);

(f) Letter dated 5 June 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a Joint Declaration by the Governments of Mexico, Portugal and Sweden on the occasion of the International Symposium on the World Drug Problem, held at Stockholm on 13 and 14 May 1998 (A/S-20/7).

5. At its 1st meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee heard statements by the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the President of the International Narcotics Control Board.

6. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Hungary, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Mexico, Chile, Sweden, Uruguay, Tunisia, Pakistan, Japan, Indonesia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States of America, South Africa, Senegal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, Ukraine and Morocco.

7. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

8. Also at the 1st meeting, the Assistant Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme made a statement.

9. At the same meeting, the following non-governmental organizations designated by their constituencies, made

[1] To be issued as *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Special Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/S-20/4).

statements: Vienna NGO Committee on Narcotic Drugs, Project Outreach, Society for Threatened People, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

10. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 June, the Ad Hoc Committee heard statements by the representatives of Canada, Sweden, Norway and Ecuador.

11. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the representatives of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/ Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

12. Also at the same meeting, the following non-governmental organizations, designated by their constituencies, made statements: Transnational Radical Party, Rotary International, Pax Romana.

13. Also at the 2nd meeting, with the concurrence of the Ad Hoc Committee, statements were made by the representatives of the World Customs Organization, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction and the Common Fund for Commodities.

14. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 June, the Chairman drew the attention of the Ad Hoc Committee to the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the expert group convened to review the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and to strengthen the United Nations machinery for international drug control (A/S-20/2) and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the joint statement of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (A/S-20/3).

15. At the same meeting, the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme made a statement on the note by the Secretary-General contained in document A/S-20/2.

16. Also at the same meeting, the representative of India made a statement in his capacity as Chairman of the expert group convened to review the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and to strengthen the United Nations machinery for international drug control.

17. At the same meeting, statements were then made by the representatives of Senegal and the Netherlands.

18. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 June, the Ad Hoc Committee adopted its draft report, contained in document A/S-20/AC.1/L.1, as introduced by the Rapporteur.

II. Action taken by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

Political Declaration

19. At the 1st meeting, on 8 June, the Ad Hoc Committee considered draft resolution I, entitled "Political Declaration", contained in chapter V, section A, of the report of the preparatory body on its second session (A/S-20/4), and decided to recommend it to the General Assembly at its twentieth special session for adoption (see para. 23 below, draft resolution I).

Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction

20. At the 1st meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee considered draft resolution II, entitled "Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction", contained in chapter V, section A, of the report of the preparatory body on its second session (A/S-20/4), and decided to recommend it to the General Assembly at its twentieth special session for adoption (see para. 23 below, draft resolution II).

Measures to enhance international cooperation to counter the world drug problem

21. At the 1st meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee considered draft resolution III, entitled "Measures to enhance international cooperation to counter the world drug problem", contained in chapter V, section A, of the report of the preparatory body on its second session (A/S-20/4), and decided to recommend it to the General Assembly at its twentieth special session for adoption (see para. 23 below, draft resolution III).

Documentation considered by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

22. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 June 1998, the Ad Hoc Committee, upon the recommendation of the Chairman, decided to recommend to the General Assembly at its twentieth special session that it take note of the note by the Secretary-General on the review of the international drug control regime: strengthening United Nations machinery for drug control (A/S-20/2) and the note by the

Secretary-General transmitting the joint statement by the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (A/S-20/3) (see para. 24 below, draft decision).

III. Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

23. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I

Political Declaration

[For the text of the draft resolution, see A/S-20/4, chapter V, section A, draft resolution I]

Draft resolution II

Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction

[For the text of the draft resolution, see A/S-20/4, chapter V, section A, draft resolution II]

Draft resolution III

Measures to enhance international cooperation to counter the world drug problem

[For the text of the draft resolution, see A/S-20/4, chapter V, section A, draft resolution III]

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24. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Draft decision

Documentation considered by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

The General Assembly decides to take note of the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the review of the international drug control regime: strengthening United Nations machinery for drug control;[2]

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the joint statement by the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the General Assembly at its twentieth special session.[3]

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[2] A/S-20/2.

[3] A/S-20/3.